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# Mayor/Council Work Session Meeting (Monday April 4, 2011 7:30 p.m.)

Mayor/Council Meeting

(Wednesday April 20, 2011 8:00 p.m.) Please come out and join one of our Committees.

The Mayor would like to meet with all residents interested in volunteering On Wednesday April 20th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Park and Recreation Committee

Youth and Senior Committee Public Works/Street Improvement Committee Ways & Means Committee
Sustainable Forest Heights Communication Committee
Public Safety Committee
Neighborhood Watch Committee
Citizen Advisory Board Committee **Health Initiatives** 

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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Sunday

**APRIL 2011** 

Monday

Tuesday

					1 Computer Room Open	2		
3	4 Mayor/Council Work Session Meeting 7:30 p.m. Tutoring Class Computer Room Open	5 Tutoring Class Computer Room Open	6 Yard Waste  Computer Room Open	7 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 p.m. Computer Room Open	8 Computer Room Open	9		
10	11 Volunteers Meeting 6:00 p.m. Computer Room Open	12 Tutoring Class Computer Room Open	13 Yard Waste	14 Weatherization Meeting 1:00 & 6:00 Bulk & Trash	15 Computer Room Open	16 Tree Planting 8:00 a.m. Neighborhood Watch Picnics		
17	18 Trash/Recycle Computer Room Open	19 Computer Room Open	20 Yard Waste Mayor/Council Meeting 8:00	21 Computer Room Open	22 Computer Room Open	23 Oxon Stream Cleanup 8:00 a.m.		
24	25 Trash/Recycle Computer Room Open	26 Computer Room Open	27 Yard Waste Computer Room Open	28 Weatherization Meeting 1:00 &	29 Computer Room Open	30		
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> (301) 749-4900 **EMERGENCY DIAL 911**

> > **NON-EMERGENCY**

**Eastover District IV Police** 

301-333-4000

# **Forest Heights Police Department**



From the Office of the Chief of Police: The Men and Women of the Forest Heights Police Department would like to

congratulate newly elected Mayor Jacqueline Goodall as well as Councilman Robert "Mike" Barnes. We are all eagerly moving forward in effort to make Forest Heights the most pleasant community in Prince George's Entire County. As to "Spring Forward" (Daylight Savings Time), please be cautious as there will be children at bus stops during early morning hours. In the Crime Statistics Section, you will see that there was (1) Armed Robbery in Forest Heights this month. This incident occurred at 5521 Livingston Road (7 -11 Stores) on Saturday, March 19, 2011. County Communications received a call for the Armed Robbery in progress at 2:33 am. Units from the Forest Heights Police Department arrived on the scene at 2:36 am. The (2) suspects entered the store, as one displayed a handgun and the other stood by the door as a look out. After obtaining a small amount of U.S. Currency, both suspects fled the scene to an unknown destination. Thankfully, no one was injured in this incident. If anyone has any further information regarding this incident, please contact the Forest Heights Police Department. (You may remain anonymous). Lt. F.R. Webb, A/Chief of Police

Vehicle Impound **Unattended Death** 

Arrest

# 1

FHPD Crime Report for the Month of March 2011

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2nd Degree Assault

1

Theft

Parking Violations								
Reserved Parking		Unregistered Vehicle	2					
30ft of Traffic Sign	1	No Parking	1					
Unregistered Vehicle		Parked over 72 hours	1					
Ordinance Violations								
Debris-Dwellings, yards, vacant lots	2							

Town Permit not obtained Bulky Trash out too early Private property vehicle storage Finger Printing
The Forest Heights Police Department

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# **ELECTION RESULTS**

# MARCH 9TH, 2011

# MAYORAL CANDIDATES

ANDREA MCCUTCHEON (INCUMBENT)—85

JACQUELINE GOODALL—107

MYLES SPIRES, JR.—25

LARRY M. STONER, SR.—86

# WRITE-INS **ROBERT BARNES JR.**—11

**CANDIDATES FOR WARD I** 

CANDIDATES FOR WARD II

# ANNE K. REIFSNEIDER (INCUMBENT)—57

CLIFTON ATKINSON—41

CANDIDATES FOR WARD III

# WILLIAM E. CLARKE, JR. (INCUMBENT)—55 TAUNYA L. HINES—47

THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT AND CAST THEIR VOTE!

• Town Meetings are always held on the third Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Mayor/Council Work Sessions are held on the first Monday of each month (Tuesday when Monday is a holiday). Meetings are open to the

• Next meetings: April 4th and April 20th

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public.

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# Special Thanks from Mayor and Council

As a resident of Forest Heights for 18 years, it is truly an honor to be Mayor-Elect of our great town. I want to thank all the voters who turned out. I wanted to thank my fellow participants in the race. It was challenging! I want to thank God and pray for his continued guidance. I want to thank my biggest supporters, my husband Bill and my sons Tony and David and all of my other family members around this great country of ours for their support and prayers.

you to Steve and Emma Rowell, Charmaine Turner, Shaneese Little, and Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy. Without all of your support we could not have succeed.

As Mayor, I am going to work hard and diligently to meet our town's challenges. From bringing our citizens back

together as a community, the water issues, the roads, to developing programs for the seniors and youth, and most

I want to thank those who worked on my campaign, all the supporters from each of the Wards and a special thank

importantly building the respect of our town within Prince George's County and the State of Maryland.

I vigorously pursued funding for the rehabilitation of the Towns Municipal Building and grounds to reduce the cost of these capitol projects to the taxpayers. I will continue to seek ways to leverage the funds of our town for projects

and continue to work towards a more Sustainable community, to help us build a strong foundation and a "Legacy" for our children.

Elected officials are servants of the public and should act accordingly on the behalf of the people. Fellow residents, I

Jacqueline Goodall—Mayor

I would like to thank those residents who chose to write my name in as a candidate for WARD I council. Over the

# next 2 years I look forward in proving to you, that you made a wise decision.

Residence of Ward I

Robert O. Barns Jr.—Councilman Ward I

My sincere and genuine appreciation for your vote and support on March 9. I take my councilmember position very seriously. I have always been a loyal and dedicated supporter of the Town of Forest Heights, and I will honestly

execute my duties for which I haven elected. I am your representative.

improving our great town! Thank you once again for your continued support.

assure you we all will; starting with the Mayor.

**Residence of Ward II** 

Anne Reifsneider—Councilwoman Ward II

Residence of Ward III

Thank you to those who participated in the recent election and a special thank you to those that elected me Ward 3 councilmember. I am humbled by the trust you continue to place in me and I look forward to future challenges and opportunities that we will face ahead together. I am always available to hear your comments and suggestions on

Bill Clarke—Councilman Ward III

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# Town Local Business (continued)

# MAYOR AND COUNCIL

# THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

**CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 01-11** 

2 OF 4

A CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS,

MARYLAND TO AMEND SECTION 33-3 (NUMBER; SELECTION; TERM) TO PROVIDE FOR A TWELVE YEAR TERM LIMIT FOR THE ELECTIVE OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN AND REMOVE ANTIQUATED OR SURPLUS LANGUAGE THEREIN; TO AMEND SECTION 33-4 (QUALIFICATIONS) TO EXPAND THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR COUNCILMAN TO PRECLUDE FROM SERVING PERSONS CONVICTED OR SENTENCED FOR CERTAIN CRIMES; TO AMEND SECTION 33-15 (SELECTION AND TERM) TO PROVIDE FOR A TWELVE YEAR TERM LIMIT FOR THE ELECTIVE OFFICE OF MAYOR AND REMOVE ANTIQUATED OR SURPLUS LANGUAGE THEREIN; TO AMEND SECTION 33-16 (QUALIFICATIONS) TO EXPAND THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR TO PRECLUDE FROM SERVING PERSONS CONVICTED OR SENTENCED FOR CERTAIN CRIMES; TO AMEND SECTION 33-23 (VOTERS) TO REQUIRE THAT A QUALIFIED VOTER RESIDE WITHIN THE TOWN FOR AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO AN ELECTION; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO ELECTIVE OFFICE AND ELECTIONS.

Una RESOLUCION CHARTER de la ENMIENDA DEL ALCALDE Y el CONCILIO DEL PUEBLO DE FOREST ALTURAS, MARYLAND para ENMENDAR SECCION 33-3 (el NUMERO; SELECCION; TERMINO) PREVER UN DOCE LIMITE de

TERMINO de AÑO PARA LA OFICINA OPTATIVA DE CONCEJAL Y QUITAR el IDIOMA ANTICUADO O EXCEDENTE EN ESO; ENMENDAR SECCION 33-4 (REQUISITOS) EXPANDIR LOS REQUISITOS PARA el CONCEJAL para IMPEDIR DE

SERVIR a PERSONAS CONDENARON O SENTENCIARON PARA CIERTOS CRIMENES; ENMENDAR SECCION 33-15 (SELECCION Y LLAME) PREVER UN DOCE LIMITE de TERMINO de AÑO PARA LA OFICINA OPTATIVA DE ALCALDE Y QUITAR el IDIOMA ANTICUADO O EXCEDENTE EN ESO; ENMENDAR SECCION 33-16 (REQUISITOS) EXPANDIR LOS REQUISITOS PARA LA OFICINA DE ALCALDE para IMPEDIR DE SERVIR A PERSONAS CONDENARON O SENTENCIARON PARA CIERTOS CRIMENES; ENMENDAR SECCION 33-23 (VOTANTES) REQUERIR QUE UN VOTANTE CALIFICADO RESIDE DENTRO DEL PUEBLO PARA el POR LO MENOS TREINTA DIAS ANTES DE UNA ELECCION; Y RELACIONANDO GENERALMENTE A la OFICINA Y ELECCIONES OPTATIVAS. THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS **RESOLUTION 10-11** A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE USE AND DEPLOYMENT OF SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS ON LIVINGSTON

WHEREAS, the Town Council has enacted an ordinance codified in Section 15.6 of the Town Ordinance Code governing speed

ROAD, A COUNTY ROADWAY, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS (THE "TOWN")

cameras which states that "the Mayor and Council, by resolution, following reasonable notice to the public and a public hearing, may establish a school zone on any road under the Town's jurisdiction or with permission of the State Highway Administration on any state road within one-half mile of a school and, for any school zone so established, shall set a maximum speed limit, provided that the

designation of such school zone and the maximum speed limit set for such zone shall not become effective until the Town installs signs

designating the school zone and indicating the maximum speed limit applicable in the school zone located in the Town of Forest Heights"; and RESOLUCIÓN PARA APROBAR EL USO Y LA INSTALACIÓN DE LOS SISTEMAS DE CONTROL DE VELOCIDAD EN LA CARRETERA LIVINGSTON, una carretera del Condado, DENTRO DE LOS LÍMITES DE LAS EMPRESAS DE LA CIUDAD DE LAS CUMBRES DEL BOSQUE (EL "PUEBLO") CONSIDERANDO, que el Ayuntamiento ha aprobado una ordenanza codificados en la sección 15.6 del Código de Ciudad Ordenanza que rige las cámaras de velocidad que establece que "el Alcalde y el Consejo, mediante resolución, a raíz de un aviso razonable al público y una audiencia pública, podrá establecer una zona escolar en cualquier camino bajo la jurisdicción de la ciudad o con el permiso de la Administración de Carreteras del Estado en cualquier carretera estatal

a media milla de una escuela y, para cualquier zona de la escuela de estar establecidos, fijará un límite de velocidad máxima, siempre que la designación de zona escolar, tales y el límite de velocidad máxima establecida para dicha zona no se hará efectiva hasta que la Ciudad instala señales que designa a la zona escolar y que indica el límite de velocidad máxima aplicable en la zona de la escuela ubicada en la Ciudad de Forest Heights ", y 5 Forest Heights April 2011

# Town Local Business (continued)

Job Title Supervisor of Public Works
Salary Range Salary commensurate with e

Salary Range Salary commensurate with experience

Position Information Full Time Career

Duty Locations 1 vacancy—Town of Forest Heights

The Town of Forest Heights is seeking a Supervisor of Public Works for a Town of approximately 935 homes responsible for

managing the operation and maintenance of all Town property including streets and sidewalks, parks, and building facilities. Duties include organization and supervision of the public works staff, management of construction projects, and response to emergencies/breakdowns, departmental budget preparation, procurement of goods and services, and interaction with the public, Town officials, consultants/contractors, and other government agencies. Applicants must possess strong communication skills, proficiency with basic computer programs, and a minimum of five years related technical and supervisory experience. Degree in position-related field required or a combination of education and experience. Must possess a valid driver's license. Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits. Position open until filled. Resumes should be sent to the Town Administrator, Vern Haefele, 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745. Fax: 301/839-9236; or pick-up an application at the Town Hall, M-F, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. EOE.

Position Information Part Time Career

\$9.00 Hrs.

**Building Maintenance Custodian** 

Duty Locations 1 vacancy—Town of Forest Heights

The Town of Forest Heights is scaling a part time Building Maintage

Job Title

**Salary Range** 

The Town of Forest Heights is seeking a part-time Building Maintenance Custodian with the Public Works Department. Duties include cleaning and maintaining the entire Municipal Building. Salary \$9 hr. Position open until filled. Resumes should be sent

to the Town Administrator, Vern Haefele, 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745. Fax: 301/839-9236; or pick-up an application at the Town Hall, M-F, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. EOE.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

ORDINANCE NO. 02 -11

AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE SALARIES

OF THE TOWN'S ELECTED OFFICIALS
(1 of 2)

Compensation of the Mayor and Councilpersons of the Town of Forest Heights Ordinance Code shall be amended as follows

by striking all of Section 2.2, which now reads as show in italics:

"Section 2.2: Compensation of the Mayor and Councilpersons The Mayor shall receive a salary of \$2,600 per year payable quarterly. Each Councilperson shall receive a salary of \$1000 per year payable quarterly."

La compensación del Alcalde y Councilpersons del Pueblo de Forest Alturas Ordenanza Código será enmendada como sigue

"Section 2.2: Compensation of the Mayor and Councilpersons The Mayor shall receive a salary of \$5,000 per year payable monthly. Each Councilperson shall receive a salary of \$2,500 per year payable monthly."

golpeando toda Sección 2,2, que ahora lee como exposición en la cursiva:
"Sección 2,2: La compensación del Alcalde y Councilpersons que

And inserting a new Section 2.2 to read as follows as shown in Italic:

"Sección 2,2: La compensación del Alcalde y Councilpersons que El Alcalde recibirá un salario de \$2.600 por año pagadero trimestralmente. Cada Councilperson recibirá un salario de \$1000 por año pagadero trimestral".

"Sección 2,2: La compensación del Alcalde y Councilpersons que El Alcalde recibirá un salario de \$5.000 por año pagadero mensualmente. Cada Councilperson recibirá un salario de \$2.500 por año pagadero mensual".

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E insertar una nueva Sección 2,2 en leer como siguen como mostrado en bravo:

# Community Working Together



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Yard Waste will be Picked Up on Wednesday

PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m. MONDAY—Recycle & Trash

THURSDAY—Bulk & Trash METAL PICK-UP Metal placed on the curb will be picked up by Public Works for a minimum of \$35.00 Propane Tank Pick-ups are \$30 each

WILL BE ISSUED A CITATION OF \$50.00. Forest Heights April 2011

NOTE: ANY TRASH OR RECYCLE BINS LEFT WILL BE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE, AND

# Community Working Together (continued)

# **Forest Heights History**

Town annexed property of Forest Heights Baptist Church 1961 Town Charter was rewritten, became effective 1963 1963

1964 Municipal building was air conditioned

1965 Third policeman was hired for \$3,600 per year

1968

Town real property tax increased from .50 to .60 per hundred 1966

1969 Town real property tax increase from .60 to .77 per hundred 1971 A display of direst action to stop District of Columbia from dumping garbage and trash on south bank of Oxon Run Creek.

Barricades and human roadblocks were placed in the road to prevent trucks from dumping. County officials Kelly, Spellman, Garrity and Forest Heights residents participated.

Green roof on Municipal Building

2009 2009 Replaced all windows in Municipal Building

> **MISCELLANOUS** Forest Heights 278 acres, 9.7 miles of streets, 944 homes, 2700 residents Police office was Oxon Hill Library before new library was built, Court was also held in this room.

2010 Complete renovation of the auditorium

Letter to Commissioner Gladys Spellman for County assistance for street resurfacing

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